

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

10/025,880

Examiner

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to the amendment filed 6 April 2006.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 59-109 renumbered as 1-51.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____

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Allowance

1. Claims 1-58 are cancelled.
2. Claims 59-109 are allowed.

Examiner's Amendment

3. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.
4. Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Jeffrey Weaver (Reg. #45,608) on 6 July 2006.
5. The application has been amended as follows:

In the Claims: Claims 93-109 have been amended.

Claim 93 (Currently Amended) A computer program product having a computer readable medium having ~~control logic~~ computer codes stored therein, said ~~control logic~~ enabling computer codes executed by a processor to communicate postings to a target user community, said ~~control logic~~ computer codes comprising: ~~means~~ code for enabling a processor to store a plurality of postings, each posting including a source identification tag, an information body, and a broadcast descriptor, the broadcast descriptor identifying

a geographical region of said each posting, wherein the geographical region is defined by a closed region on a map; ~~means~~ code for enabling a processor to receive a plurality of requests from mobile and stationary users, each request from a user including a user identification tag and an antenna descriptor, the antenna descriptor identifying a geographical location of the user; ~~means~~ code for enabling a processor to process said each request, including: ~~means~~ code for enabling a processor to identify one or more postings having geographical regions that contain the geographical location, and ~~means~~ code for enabling a processor to send the identified one or more postings to the user; ~~means~~ code for enabling a processor to process a subsequent request from the user, the subsequent request including a user identification tag and an antenna descriptor specifying a subsequent geographical location of the user, said ~~means~~ code for enabling a processor to process a subsequent request from the user including: ~~means~~ code for enabling a processor to send to the user other postings having geographical regions that contain the subsequent geographical location, wherein the other postings do not include any posting previously sent to the user.

Claim 94 (Previously Presented)

Line 3 “means” has been replaced with ~~–code–~~.

Claim 95 (Previously Presented)

Line 2 “means” has been replaced with ~~–code–~~.

Line 4 “means” has been replaced with ~~–code–~~.

Claim 96 (Previously Presented)

Line 3 “means” has been replaced with ~~–code–~~.

Line 5 “means” has been replaced with ~~–code–~~.

Line 7 “means” has been replaced with ~~–code–~~.

Claim 97 (Previously Presented)

Line 3 “means” has been replaced with ~~–code–~~.

Claim 100 (Previously Presented)

Line 2 “means” has been replaced with ~~–code–~~.

Line 4 “means” has been replaced with ~~–code–~~.

Claim 101 (Previously Presented)

Line 2 “means” has been replaced with ~~–code–~~.

Line 4 “means” has been replaced with ~~–code–~~.

Line 7 “means” has been replaced with ~~–code–~~.

Claim 102 (Previously Presented)

Line 3 “means” has been replaced with ~~–code–~~.

Line 5 “means” has been replaced with ~~–code–~~.

Claim 103 (Previously Presented)

Line 2 “means” has been replaced with ~~–code–~~.

Line 4 “means” has been replaced with ~~–code–~~.

Claim 104 (Previously Presented)

Line 3 “means” has been replaced with ~~–code–~~.

Claim 105 (Previously Presented)

Line 3 “means” has been replaced with ~~–code–~~.

Claim 106 (Previously Presented)

Line 4 “means” has been replaced with ~~–code–~~.

Claim 107 (Previously Presented)

Line 3 “means” has been replaced with ~~–code–~~.

Claim 108 (Previously Presented)

Line 3 “means” has been replaced with ~~–code–~~.

Line 6 “means” has been replaced with ~~–code–~~.

Claim 109 (Previously Presented)

Line 3 “means” has been replaced with ~~–code–~~.

Line 7 “means” has been replaced with ~~–code–~~.

Reasons for Allowance

6. The following is an examiner’s statement of reasons for allowance: Claims 59-109 are allowable over the prior art of record.

The examiner has found that the prior art of record does not teach, suggest, or render obvious the specific combination of a method, a system, or a computer program product of communicating postings to a target user community, comprising: processing a subsequent request from the user, the subsequent request including a user identification tag and an antenna descriptor specifying a subsequent geographical location of the user, said processing a subsequent request from the user including: sending to the user other postings having geographical regions that contain the subsequent geographical location, wherein said other postings do not include any posting previously sent to said user (major difference in the claims not found in the prior art) as set forth in the specification and recited in independent claims 59, 78 and 93.

7. Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled “Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance OR Examiner’s Amendment.”

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Alicia Baturay whose telephone number is (571) 272-3981. The examiner can normally be reached at 7:30am - 5pm, Monday - Thursday, and every other Friday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Saleh Najjar can be reached on (571) 272-4006. The fax number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (571) 273-8300.

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